



FFAST Meeting Friday, January 14, 2005

Attendees:

John Gould – BIA
Al King – NPS
Ed Hollenshead – USFS
Michelle Ryerson – BLM
Ron Hanks - USFS
Sarah Fisher – USFS

All-Risk Proposal

After discussion with Dale Dague and John Schulte, it appears the ESF Tasking is **not** the place to insert a risk analysis process. FFAST members agreed the best avenue to pursue inclusion of this analysis is during the dispatch process. **Ed will get with Rod to work out the next step, determine who the players should be, and bring back to FFAST.** FFAST will consider inviting Kim Christensen and any others to the next meeting to initiate conversation about inserting risk analysis into the dispatch procedures as well as the National Mob Guide. A commitment was made to ensure this is completed prior to the 2006 printing of the National Mob Guide.

Fallen Firefighter Foundation

Agreement was made that FFAST be the primary point of contact for this group in regards to wildland fire safety issues. FFAST would appoint a liaison to the foundation to attend the conferences, provide input, and report back to FFAST. Mike Apicello was suggested as a possible candidate. **John & Michelle will draft an “intent” paper discussing how FFAST envisions the liaison to serve and what the expectations are. Ed will discuss this paper with Mike to determine his interest. John will call Ron Swarnicki to inform him of the FFAST decision.**

NIOSH Symposium Attendance

Symposium is taking place on March 31st and it would be beneficial to have a member of FFAST in attendance. **Al will check his schedule to see if he is available. John will forward the email to Ed and Ed will contact Leslie Anderson and Brian Sharkey to see if they are interested.**

WFSTAR Status

Currently have 70-75% of the products needed for the 2005 launching. Update will still be launched on January 31st and missing information will be added as it comes in. **Ed will contact MTDC to follow-up on their task of revising the fire shelter write-up. Al will ensure the radio website link stays intact.** Safety Advisory will be completed to announce the WFSTAR website update for 2005.

Radios

John has been assigned to the Narrowband Advisory Group and hopes to incorporate some of their knowledge to updating the radio website.

BLM is moving towards utilizing one radio. They are currently developing specs for standard configuration and will put it out to the contractors to see who can meet them. **Michelle will send the notes from the wireless group working on this so FFAST will know where things are going.**

Medical Standards

Region 6 completed a separate cost share agreement for this. **Michelle will complete the cost share agreement for the rest of base today and send to John for finalizing.**

BLM ATV Meeting

Michelle will attend this meeting next week and report back to FFAST. Fire is hoping to affect some change in the draft guidance that has come out so far. BLM fire feels the emphasis needs to be placed on standardizing equipment.

Refresher Training Proposal

Lyle and Phil will present the proposal at the next NWCG meeting. **John will write-up talking points and send to FFAST members to brief their directors prior to the meeting.** Emphasis needs to be placed on considering the refresher training proposal as a separate function of NWCG training and not included in the established training procedures and responsibilities of the TWT. Goal is to receive a commitment for a stand-alone program.

Interagency HSQ

It is still a FFAST goal to utilize one form, for all agencies, issued through OPM. Ed will review the HSQ posted in the Red Book and have Brian Sharkey look at it. Discussion will be had amongst FFAST members to determine which form is best (or utilized parts from both.) Once in agreement, Ed will pursue through Bill Dougan and the FS Union as well as Phil Spotswood. Goal is to have one form agreed upon and accepted by August 2005 for inclusion in 2006 materials.

Aviation

- Airspace MOU between FS and BLM to develop a steering group with a west coast, east coast, and NIFC rep has fallen through the cracks and was not signed at the WO. May pursue opportunity to charter a group under NFAEB rather than an MOU.
- May be able to fill the aviation training position at NIFC soon.

Next Meeting – John will send out an email with a few suggested dates for the next meeting.